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Substitute House Bill No. 5333

House of Representatives, April 18, 2012

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AWARENESS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) There is established
- 2 an advisory council on organ and tissue donation education and
- 3 awareness. The advisory council shall consist of the following
- 4 members: The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's
- 5 designee; the Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
- 6 designee; the executive director of Donate Life Connecticut, or the
- 7 executive director's designee; a representative of each of the
- 8 organizations in the state that are members of the Association of Organ
- 9 Procurement Organizations; a health care professional representing
- 10 each transplant center located in the state that is a member of the
- 11 federal Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network; the chief
- 12 executive officer of the Connecticut Hospital Association, or the chief
- 13 executive officer's designee; five persons experienced in issues
- 14 involving organ and tissue donation or transplants, one of whom shall

15 be a recipient of a donated organ or donated tissue, one of whom shall
16 be a living donor, and one of whom shall be a family member of a
17 deceased donor. One each of such persons experienced in issues
18 involving organ and tissue donation or transplants shall be appointed
19 by the Governor, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker
20 of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the House of
21 Representatives and the minority leader of the Senate.

22 (b) Council members shall serve for a term of three years and no
23 member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. Any vacancy
24 shall be filled by the appointing authority. The Governor shall appoint
25 the chairperson from among the members of the council. The council
26 shall have its first meeting not later than December 1, 2012, and shall
27 meet not less than four times per year and as requested by the
28 chairperson or upon the request of a majority of the members of the
29 council. Council members shall serve without compensation.

30 (c) The council shall: (1) Analyze education on organ tissue donation
31 in the state; (2) determine the rate of organ and tissue donation
32 registration in the state and establish periodic goals for increasing such
33 rate; and (3) advise the Commissioners of Public Health and Motor
34 Vehicles on methods to increase organ and tissue donation rates in the
35 state. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, on a quarterly basis,
36 provide the council with data concerning registered organ donors.

37 (d) Not later than July 1, 2013, and annually thereafter, the council
38 shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
39 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
40 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and
41 transportation concerning organ and tissue donation awareness in the
42 state. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, actions taken by
43 the council to increase organ and tissue donations and
44 recommendations to increase organ and tissue donation rates in the
45 state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section
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PH *Joint Favorable Subst. C/R* APP

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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is no fiscal impact associated with establishing an Advisory Council on Organ and Tissue Donation Education and Awareness and requiring the council to report annually.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5333****AN ACT CONCERNING ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AWARENESS.****SUMMARY:**

This bill creates an advisory council on organ and tissue donation education and awareness. The council consists of government officials, health care professionals, representatives from donation and related organizations, and people with experience in organ and tissue donation and transplants, including a donor and a recipient. Among other things, the council must determine ways to increase the number of organ and tissue donations and set goals for increasing the number of registered donors. The council must annually report on its actions and recommendations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Under the bill, the members of the council include:

1. the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) commissioner or her designee;
2. the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner or her designee;
3. Donate Life Connecticut's executive director, or his or her designee;
4. a representative of each in-state organization that is a member of the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations;
5. a health care professional representing each in-state transplant

center that is a member of the federal Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network;

6. the Connecticut Hospital Association's chief executive officer, or his or her designee; and
7. five people with experience involving organ and tissue donation or transplants, one each appointed by the governor and the four legislative leaders, including a recipient of a donated organ or donated tissue, a living donor, and a deceased donor's family member.

The bill provides that council members serve without pay. The governor appoints the council's chairperson from among its members. Members serve three-year terms, and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. (It appears that this term limit applies to all council members.) Vacancies are filled by the appointing authority.

The bill requires the council to hold its first meeting by December 1, 2012. The council must meet (1) at least four times per year and (2) as requested by the chairperson or a majority of council members.

Council Duties and Reporting

The bill requires the council to:

1. analyze education on organ tissue donation in the state,
2. determine the rate of organ and tissue donation registration in the state and establish periodic goals for increasing that rate (the DMV commissioner must provide the council with data on registered organ donors on a quarterly basis), and
3. advise the DPH and DMV commissioners on ways to increase organ and tissue donation rates in the state.

The bill requires the council to report annually to the Public Health and Transportation committees, with the first report due July 1, 2013. The report must concern organ and tissue donation awareness in the

state, and, at a minimum, (1) indicate what the council has done to increase donations and (2) recommend how to increase donation rates.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/09/2012)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 53 Nay 0 (04/03/2012)